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SUBJECT:

Chairman Durenberger's Speech at the National Press

Club

The scored portion is a foretaste of coming events. The Chairman believes that the Philippine paper was a great success, and is proposing a number of clones as part of his campaign to burnish the image of the Committee. How do you feel about this? How strenuously should we discourage Committee staff?

At a minimum, I recommend against briefing staffers who are drafting such papers on grounds that our briefings are classified and their proposed papers are not; at a maximum, I can convey to Bernie McMahon our skepticism on grounds that any unclassified papers SSCI releases will inevitably be seen as conveying conclusions derived from classified material. In these circumstances, we can push your idea that if SSCI must publish unclassified papers, CIA would rather prepare them itself for Committee release.

Durenberger's reference to the "state of American intelligence" and "security and counter-intelligence" are obvious exceptions to the above. We will have to wait a bit and learn more about these papers.

Guidance, please.

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In rare instances, when vital matters of public interest dictate, the committee may vote to re-write its reports in an unclassified version and release them to the public -- a course of action we selected when we released a report on Soviet intelligence penetrations at the United

Nations and when we released out report on an increasinly critical situation in the Philippines.

Although it has not yet
been decided whether to make
them public, the Committee will
produce several more reports
this year . . on the political
in_act of falling oil prices;
security and counter-intelligence;
technology transfer; and the
state of American intelligence.

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